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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement Unfair!

Dear sirs:

I write to strongly oppose the proposed settlement for Microsoft. I am a strong supporter of the Bush Administration and understand the desire to go easy on technology companies in light of the current economic climate. However, Microsoft has committed criminal acts and should be suitably punished.

The proposed value of this settlement is NO WHERE NEAR \$800 million to the American people. In fact, it is nothing more than a Microsoft marketing ploy to get more PCs into schools running the Windows OS and Windows applications. It does punish them, it HELPS them. Please, reject this proposed settlement without hesitation.

You want to discipline Microsoft? Force them to pay the companies they hurt (Netscape, Apple, etc.) or force them to buy \$800 million worth of Macintosh computers to donate to schools, with Netscape software loaded on them!

Surely we can all see that Microsoft benefits from this. Right?

Thank you for your time,

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